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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia SC 29210

**Re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding Related to
S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-37-40 and Integrated Resource Plans for Duke
Energy Progress, LLC
Docket Number: 2019-225-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I write on behalf of Duke Energy Progress, LLC (“DEP”) to update the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) on the status of the two-unit Asheville Combined Cycle Project, which was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity by the North Carolina Utilities Commission in its March 28, 2016 *Order Granting Application in Part, with Conditions, and Denying Application in Part*, in connection with the above-referenced matter.

On January 15, 2020, the Unit 7 Combustion Turbine of the Asheville Combined Cycle Power Block 2 went into commercial operation. On January 29, 2020, DEP retired the Asheville Coal Units 1 and 2 to permanently cease operations of all coal-fired generating units at the Asheville site.

DEP continues to work with the original equipment manufacturer to repair a manufacturing defect in the Unit 8 Steam Turbine Generator of Power Block 2 and currently expects to place the Unit 8 Steam Turbine Generator into commercial operation in the first quarter 2020. DEP will update the Commission once the Unit 8 Steam Turbine Generator has been placed into service or should the status change.

Sincerely,

Heather Shirley Smith

cc: Parties of record